

**TODAY and
TOMORROW**

Egypt And Turkey

EGYPT'S declaration of war has not taken the Axis powers unawares. For long this country has been a pawn in the British Imperial game.

Although she remained neutral in word, her resources and her bases were utilized by the British in the war against the Axis nations. A powerful British Army occupy all strategic positions in the country. The British never tolerated any administration inimical to them. That is why the British puppet on the Egyptian throne, Farouq, had on several occasions dismissed the nationalist administration of Nahas Pasha. Like the Indian National Congress in India, the nationalist or Wafdist Party is the most powerful political organisation in Egypt, commanding the allegiance of the great majority of the people. Each time the Wafdists are dismissed from office they are replaced by a Government entirely subservient to the British. The assassination a few days ago of the pro-British Premier Ahmed Maher Pasha in the Assembly immediately after Egypt's declaration of war on Germany and Nippon is a clear proof that the people of Egypt are not with their Government in this action. Nahas Pasha representing the Wafdist Party has also condemned Egypt's declaration of war and said that his party would oppose it by all means at its disposal.

Turkey's declaration of war against Nippon, another Asiatic power that has championed the cause of the oppressed nations of this ancient continent of ours, shows how far Turkey has fallen from her high estate. Weakness and opportunism has finally triumphed in Kemal Ataturk's Turkey, and this great Asiatic nation is following the footsteps of the lesser European powers and humbling herself before the Anglo-Americans. Indeed, it is nothing but a great tragedy that Turkey has finally relinquished her proud position as a free and independent nation to do homage to the despised Anglo-American imperialism.

However, let us hasten to assure one and all that Turkey's or Egypt's declaration of war does not worry Nippon or Germany in the least. It cannot make any the least difference in the war either in the East or in the West. It has only served to show what a great threat to world peace and freedom this Anglo-American imperialism is, and it has strengthened Nippon's determination to crush this evil thing once and for all. In this determination we Indians in East Asia are at one with Nippon. India more than any other country has suffered from this cursed imperialism, and therefore, we are more than ever determined to aid the forces which are striving to destroy it. Only this way lies our country's salvation, whatever Roosevelt and Churchill and their henchmen may say about democracy and freedom.

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ENEMY PAYS HEAVILY IN MANILA WAR

*Nippon Garrison Forces
Continue To Attack Foe
From Vantage Points*

A Nippon Base at the Luzon Front, Feb. 27 (Domei)—Though a full month has passed since enemy forces opened their attacks on Manila, our garrison forces are still holding their positions within the Philippine capital, while steadily cutting into enemy ranks with effective bleeding, infiltration tactics. However, the centre of fierce fighting has gradually shifted from in and around Manila to the sector east of the city.

A powerful Nippon contingent recently stormed down from a strategic height in this area into Quezon City and directed the full brunt of its attacks against the enemy to the north of Manila, and then returned to their former position on a commanding height, after inflicting tremendous losses on the enemy.

Our garrison units entrenched in the Sakura barracks, former McKinley barracks, in the south-east corner of Manila, after dealing devastating blows on the enemy, joined forces with our troops approaching from a north-easterly direction, at an undisclosed point and the battle on both banks of the Pasig River was brought to a close. Fighting within the capital is thus now restricted to Intramuros and the section centering around the Parliament Building, Agriculture Ministry, and Foreign Ministry in the centre of the battle-torn city.

On Feb. 23 and 24 the walls of Intramuros, where the final showdown in the battle for Manila is being fought, were blasted down by a concentrated enemy artillery barrage. The enemy instantly rushed tanks through this opening but they are being stoutly resisted by our Nouchi Unit which is out to smash every enemy tank that comes through the torn walls of Intramuros. Likewise, major concrete structures of the Parliament Building, and Agriculture and Foreign Ministries within Nippon defence positions have been blasted, but our garrison units there are continuing to deal out fierce counter-offensives against the invaders.

Parallel with the shifting of the major fighting from the centre of Manila to the mountainous sector east of the capital, the enemy has been reinforcing his troops in this direction. In fact, with the evident plan of penetrating into the Taitai region, Rizal Province, approximately seven kilometres from McKinley, the enemy on Feb. 24 repeatedly sent strong forces against Nippon position but each time was repulsed with severe losses. The battle still continues in this area and fierce

Another Cabinet Crisis Looms In Bengal Province

*Unpopular Nazimuddin
Ministry Urged To
Resign At Once*

The ministerial crisis in Sind ending with the defeat of the Hidayatullah Ministry is now followed, according to latest news from India, by the threatened crash of the British-sponsored Nazimuddin Ministry of Bengal, which is also reported to be tottering. Its unpopularity has of late become so marked that the entire province is today unitedly demanding its resignation. The last straw on the ministry's back is the most egregious piece of anti-Indian legislation which Sir Nazimuddin wants to enforce—a legislation to stifle and strangle national education in the province.

For this purpose, the Nazimuddin Ministry has framed a Bill known as the Bengal Secondary Education Bill which is being rightly opposed by all parties and peoples of the Province.

According to a New Delhi report, both Hindus and Muslims of Bengal held a joint conference yesterday and passed resolutions vehemently denouncing the proposed Bill and calling upon Sir Nazimuddin and his colleagues to resign forthwith.

S. African Government Asked To Abolish All Discriminatory Laws

Lisbon, Feb. 26 (Domei)—Stimulated by the valiant fight for racial justice being put up by Indians in South Africa, Fenner Brockway, well-known British writer and sympathizer of the Indian cause, today handed a memorandum concerning the conditions of Indians in South Africa to the delegates of the British Commonwealth Relations Conference in London, according to a report received here.

The memorandum, which represented the views of the "Indian Freedom Campaign," demanded that Indians in South Africa be given full right of franchise in local and provincial elections and urged all dominion delegates to demand that the South African Government abolish all racial discriminatory legislation.

Nippon counter-attacks are thinning out the enemy ranks. However, the biggest battle is now going on in the mountain areas east of Manila where the enemy is sending formidable forces supported by tank units against our garrisons.

BLOODY WARS CONTINUE TO RAGE IN MOTOYAMA & SURIBACHIYAMA SECTORS

*Nippon Forces Holding
Vital Points Despite
Powerful Foe Thrusts*

Central Pacific Front, Feb. 26 (Domei)—Nippon garrison forces on Iwojima continue to hold their main positions, repelling powerful enemy thrusts which has insulted in a heavy toll of enemy lives. Since Feb. 23, the enemy has been mainly directing his attack on Byobulwa and Jinetsugahara with the object of driving a wedge into the centre of the main Nippon positions. Our defenders however, have smashed back all enemy attempts at advancing by counter-attacks with reinforced troops against the enemy's pivotal attack point. Present indications show that since Feb. 23 the fighting line on Iwojima has been drawn in front of main Nippon positions.

On the western frontal sector the enemy from 7 a.m. on Feb. 25 attempted to advance toward Asodai, and bitterly contested fighting is now raging in this sector. Meanwhile, on the southern frontal sector about 200 enemy troops made preparations for an attack from 7 a.m. Feb. 25, concentrating tanks in the vicinity of Funamidai, while another enemy force moved forward toward a point west of Jinetsugahara. Intercepting these forces, our artillery pounded the enemy.

At 9.30 a.m. on Feb. 25 the enemy's first-line extended along Asodai, Chidori Village, Jinetsugahara and Byobulwa. Directing his pivotal attack toward the centre of Nippon positions, the enemy, with the support of 80 tanks, is desperately trying to push forward from the vicinity of Jinetsugahara toward Motoyama Airfield.

Enemy Casualties In Iwojima War

Central Pacific Front, Feb. 27 (Domei)—Nippon forces on Iwojima have already exacted a toll of approximately 18,500 enemy casualties since the enemy landing on the island. This figure is bound to show a further large increase as a result of the fierce battle which has been raging since the enemy opened his general offensive from land, sea and air on the morning of Feb. 26.

In fighting around Mount Suribachi a Nippon unit commanded by Colonel Kanehiko Atsuchi inflicted some 1,000 casualties on the enemy before breaking through the ring of enemy forces and successfully joining the main strength of Nippon forces in the eastern section of the island.

*Nippon Defenders Relake
Airfield In Terrific
Counter-Attacks*

Central Pacific Front, Feb. 26 (Domei)—A bitterly contested battle continues to rage on Iwojima, fighting centering around Suribachiyama on the southern tip of the island, and also around Motoyama Airfield. The enemy once succeeded on February 23 in raising the Stars and Stripes on the peak of Suribachiyama, but Nippon defenders, defying great numerical odds, recaptured it the next day, after terrific counter-attacks, and planted the Rising Sun flag once again on the mountain.

Meanwhile, enemy invaders with the object of reducing Motoyama Airfield No. 2, advanced from the west with 64 tanks as their vanguard from 1.50 p.m. Saturday. A detachment penetrated into one corner of Nippon positions in Motoyama, while another detachment infiltrated into the Byobulwa sector. Intercepting these invaders our defenders at dusk on February 24 carried out a furious counter-thrust, engaging the enemy in hand-to-hand fighting.

With the approach of night, the Nippon naval air force about 8.20 p.m. bombed and strafed enemy positions for about one hour, causing fires to break out at four points in enemy positions. The same day, taking advantage of the cessation of the high wind that had been blowing for several days, one enemy transport anchored off Futatsunehama and proceeded to land tanks and heavy arms.

In the sector of the anti-aircraft battery at Chidori, the enemy is now constructing heavy artillery emplacements.

Majority Of U.S. Navy Tied Up

Lisbon, Feb. 25 (Domei)—A Washington dispatch said that Vice-Admiral Edwards, Deputy Chief of naval operations said today that the major part of the American Pacific Fleet was involved in operations around Iwojima. Meanwhile American nurses have found Iwojima casualties "the worst they had seen including the kind of wounds," an Associated Press dispatch from the island said.

It is said most of these wounds were caused by mortar fire which causes horrible jagged gashes, and most of the wounds were filled with volcanic ash. Seeing wounded on Iwojima was "something I will probably dream about all my life" the Associated Press correspondent said, in a broadcast from the Pacific today.

New Farming Scheme Under Organization

As further development in the "Grow More Food" campaign, with a view to attaining self-sufficiency at this important juncture, Government is now preparing another big scheme in Bintan and Batam Islands, says the Kosei-ka Cho, Syonan Tokubetu-si, in a communique issued to the Press yesterday.

An investigation party of Nippon Pressmen and Agricultural Experts, comprising Mr. Konishi from the Kuala Lumpur Agricultural Experimental Station, Mr. Okamoto, Agricultural Officer, Bintan Branch Office, and Mr. K. Yamakawa recently visited Bintan Island and submitted a report on the excellent site available for cultivation, says the communique. The land is near Gunung Bintan, a very fine mountain, and consists of 6,000 acres, in addition to which a further 1,000 acres will be available on the northeast side of Batam Island and these sites are eminently suitable for the growing of wet and hill paddy.

The Authorities have entrusted the organization of the scheme to the World Red Swastika Society and, as a preliminary step, the President of the Society, Mr. Ng Sing Pheng, Mr. Wong and other officials will pay an inspection visit to Bintan Island, on Thursday, March 1.

Full control and management of the scheme will be given to the Society, who are now forming a Committee to deal quickly and efficiently with all details.

Initially, 2,000 families can be accommodated under this plan, but as it progresses, more land will be made available. The Authorities hope that many people will take advantage of this new cultivation project, as due to the large population in Syonan it often happens that civilians suffer in the indiscriminate bombing by the enemy.

Nippon's Industrial Power Indestructible

Lisbon, Feb. 26 (Domei)—The problem of destroying Nippon's industrial power is not a simple one, a report by General Henry Arnold, Commander-in-Chief of United States Army Air Forces warned today, although declaring that Superfortresses are being employed strategically in much the same way as Fortresses and Liberators against Germany, "to destroy the enemy's ability to fight", according to a dispatch received here.

The report added, "Nippon is not a group of moderately small islands covered with inflammable paper houses as many people seem to think. In the past two years she has controlled a tremendous supply of resources and has had time to build up reserves. Her inner empire—lands plus Chosen and Manchoukuo—covers over 730,000 miles and constitutes a highly developed, almost self-sufficient industrial agricultural unit three times the size of Germany".

Enemy Sub Sunk Off French Indo-China

A Southern Base, Feb. 27 (Domei)—Nippon surface craft attacked and sank one of the enemy submarines spotted in waters off the French Indo-China coast at dawn yesterday, Monday. The enemy undersea craft fell a prey to intensive depth-charge attacks launched by our surface craft.

Bitter Fighting On Western & Eastern Fronts

Berlin, February 26 (Domei)—German artillery and flame-throwers shattered strong enemy reserves south-east of Cleve on the Western Front, the German High Command communique announced. In the area around Goch, German troops, holding on to the point of self-sacrifice, held the field against the enemy assault and knocked out 23 enemy tanks. The battle on the Roer increases in ferocity, the communique added.

Between Linnich and Duren, and especially in the Julich area, the Americans sent considerable tank forces into the battle. However, the Germans held the enemy up in front of their second positions and repelled him in counter-attacks. East of Neurenberg, in the Eifel sector, the enemy was able to cross with concentrated forces the Pruem section in some places, the German High Command said. New forces entered the battle on both sides along Saarburg.

Midjet German submarines sank along the English coast, out of the Thames, one enemy ship of 5,000 tons loaded with troops, one large destroyer, as well as two escorts, the communique said.

On the Eastern Front the Soviet bridge under construction on Frankfurtonoder was attacked by German battle-planes and destroyed, according to frontline dispatches. On the Lausitz Neisse River fighting for bridgeheads is in full swing, frontline dispatches said. Two bridgeheads which Marshal Ivan Koniev's forces were able to establish on the western bank of the Neisse were shattered by the Germans yesterday. German bridgeheads on the eastern bank at Guben and Forst were exposed to fierce Soviet attacks and were narrowed down a little.

The German garrisons of Breslau and Glogau denied the enemy any success worth mentioning in grim street-fighting, the German High Command said. The front due east of Berlin continued to remain relatively calm and was enlivened only by local reconnaissance and shocktroop operations. The town of Arnswalde in South Pomerania was lost. The region of Neustettin to Konitz continued as the focal point of the strongest break-through fighting. With infantry and tank forces attacking in a narrow space, the Soviets obtained some deeper penetrations in a north-westerly direction. In Tucheler Heath and west of the Lower Vistula, Soviet attacks collapsed with heavy losses.

In East Prussia German troops in the Samland Peninsula restored communications with the garrison of Koenigsberg after six days' steady attacks on a strong portion of Soviet formations.

Indian 5th Division Dealt Heavy Blow

Burma Front, Feb. 27 (Domei)—Nippon forces in Burma intercepted and dealt a heavy blow at the Indian Fifth Division which crossed the Irrawaddy River, south-west of Pakokun, and attempted to push south to Myingyan. Meanwhile there were no changes in other sectors of the Burma front.

Britain Tries To Shirk Solemn Pledge To Poles

Lisbon, Feb. 26 (Domei)—Seizing every available opportunity which would serve to ease Britain out of its embarrassing commitments to the Exiled Polish Government in London, British official quarters in London today expressed displeasure over the latest appointment of General Anders as Acting Commander-in-Chief of the Polish Forces under the control of the London Polish Regime, according to Reuter's dispatch.

These official circles stated that the appointment was made without the knowledge or approval of the British Government and hence the latter was not responsible in the matter. General Anders, who until his latest appointment was Commander-in-Chief of the Polish forces in Italy, it will be recalled, strongly vouched support of the London Polish Regime when the Crimea Communique made it known that Britain and the United States had agreed to "sell out" the Arciszewski Regime.

Meanwhile, dispatches from London indicate that the British Government, although it wishes swiftly to liquidate its relationship with the London Polish Regime, is perplexed as to how the liquidation may be achieved without having the stigma of having betrayed the Polish Regime thrown upon it.

In accordance with the decision concerning Poland reached at Crimea, it appears, however, that Britain will seek every pretext to widen the breach between her and the London Polish Regime so as to ease the way for her eventual estrangement from the Polish Exiled Government.

Nippon Forces Inflict Colossal Losses On P.I. Invasion Forces

Luzon Front, Feb. 26 (Domei)—Nippon forces defending the Philippines under the command of General Tomoyuki Yamashita have inflicted more than 70,000 casualties against enemy forces in the one-and-a-half month period since the Americans first landed in Lingayen on January 9 up to February 23, a latest check-up of our composite war results revealed. This tremendous figure is testimony that General MacArthur's forces are paying a heavy price resulting from our "bleed the enemy white" tactics.

Nippon forces during this period also blasted 470 artillery

Radescu Regime Tottering Under Soviet Pressure

Lisbon, Feb. 26 (Domei)—British circles in London, commenting on the latest outbreak of serious disturbances in Rumania, today expressed belief that the Rumanian Government, headed by Premier General Nicolae Radescu, shortly will give way to a premier "more acceptable to the Russians" in view that the Soviet Union appears to be levelling strong pressure against the Radescu Government, according to a London dispatch.

These quarters recognized that the situation at the moment is coming dangerously close to that which prevailed in Greece before the civil war. In this connection, they pointed out that the "National Democratic Front" in Rumania seems to be growing in strength, while the Radescu Government is increasingly divided between the Right and Left and resorting to police measures against the Left.

Should the current disturbance flame forth into a civil war, a greater complication would arise for the anti-Axis powers than during the Greek civil strife, as Rumania, compared to Greece who is an ally, has not yet been recognized as even a co-belligerent, they said.

These quarters revealed that Soviet authorities have insisted on Rumanian troops temporarily evacuating Northern Transylvania, which was re-transferred to Rumania after its annexation by Hungary. The Russians contend that this measure is necessary as Rumanian troops allegedly are ill-treating the Hungarian population of Northern Transylvania.

Whatever may be the cause for the latest disturbances, these circles expressed hope that the situation will not get out of hand, because Rumania is still one of the main bases for Soviet operations in Hungary.

Have Pity On Your Less Fortunate Brethren!!

(By A Domei Correspondent)
Syonan, Feb. 27 (Domei)—"If only the rich merchants, especially those in charge of the distribution of essential food-stuffs, would cooperate in the manner and spirit the civilian populace co-operated in helping put out fires, clearing debris and other rescue work, life would be so much easier in wartime Syonan." This was the consensus of opinion expressed by Chinese, Malays, and Indians when interviewed at a relief centre where they are at present being cared for by Government after having been bombed out of their homes as a result of the indiscriminate raid on this city by enemy B-29 bombers on Saturday.

Your reporter who questioned scores of these unfortunate civilians who are today homeless, with no one to turn to for assistance, was told in unmistakable terms that ruthless food profiteers, hawkers selling vegetables and vendors of pork and fish were the chief offenders, flagrantly breaking all rules of "cooperation" and "fair play" in Syonan during the present stage of the war.

"Every time a raid occurs, these ruthless vendors—and there are scores of rich merchants at the back of them—push the price of foodstuffs higher and higher, and the lot of the middle-class wage earner is made so much harder," declared a Chinese clerk, a worker in a rattan and canemaker's shop, which is today only a heap of rubble and ash.

He stated that the people of Syonan "can take it and take it on the chin with a grin"—meaning, of course, air-raids. He added with a rueful smile and a shrug of the shoulders, "What we can't take, however, appears to be the exorbitant prices of foodstuffs now reigning in the market. Vegetables are being grown in abundance all over the island, and this is being supplemented by individual home crops grown all over the city. Yet just because a raid occurs, prices, for no reason at all, skyrocket—there's no telling where ceiling prices will reach."

Another bombed victim appealed to all those concerned to cooperate fully in a spirit of self-sacrifice to see that conditions of the poorer class, represented by the mass, is ameliorated and that ruthless food vendors should realize that by charging exorbitant prices for foodstuffs they are doing more harm than good.

MARRIAGE

The marriage of Sree N. Balan Pillai of Naval Base to Miss. K. Parukutty Amma, daughter of Sree R. M. Nambiar, was solemnised at Naval Base, Seletar, on Sunday the 25th Feb., 2605 at 6 p.m. Friends and relatives are hereby cordially thanked for their kind attendance and valuable presents.

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Fuehrer Spurs Reich Leaders To Victory

Berlin, Feb. 25 (Domei)—On the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the proclamation of the Party program, Fuehrer Hitler received yesterday at his headquarters leaders of organizations in order to give them directions for the victorious continuation of the battle, a message issued from the Fuehrer's Headquarters today revealed. The directions also included "comprehensive organization of all forces of resistance and for unconditional action of the Party in the German people's struggle for its destiny" the announcement said.

Egyptian Premier's Assassin Identified

Lisbon, February 26 (Domei)—A 26-year-old lawyer, Mahoud El Issawi, has been identified as the man who assassinated Egyptian Premier Ahmed Maher Pasha last Saturday, according to a Cairo dispatch. The murderer is allegedly a member of the Young Egypt Party.

The Egyptian Police made numerous arrests, all those who were in the Parliament building at the time of the assassination having been detained by the Police for examination.